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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications, a copy of each of which is enclosed:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Status</u>
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Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 4-10941 is discussed at pages 3 and 13 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 54-161935, 61-185455, and 61-249768 are discussed at page 3 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 4-10940 is discussed at page 13 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

U.S. Patent No. 5,218,376 is a U.S. counterpart to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 4-10940 and 4-10941.

Abstracts for Japanese Patent Application Nos. 4-10940, 4-10941, 54-161935, 61-185455 and 61-249768, obtained from a commercial database, are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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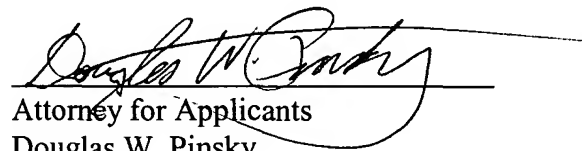
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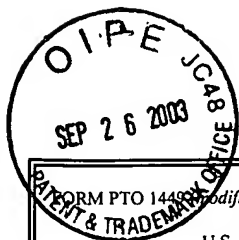
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
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